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Docket No.: 514012000200
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In re Patent Application of:
Vincent GIGUERE, et al.

Application No.: 09/925,720

Confirmation No.: 4807

Filed: August 8, 2001

Art Unit: 1632

For: NON-HUMAN TRANSGENIC ANIMAL
WHOSE GERM CELLS AND SOMATIC
CELLS CONTAIN A KNOCKOUT
MUTATION IN DNA ENCODING ORPHAN
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 28, 2003 (Paper No. 8), Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 1-21, 28-31 and 35-38) for continued examination. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, extending the time for response to October 28, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

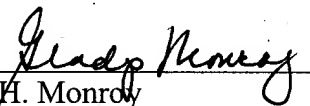
Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **514012000200**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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